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Spring is tomorrow

Old Man Winter delivered the heaviest snowfall of the year to Hanscom this week. Yet, warmer temperatures followed, putting a quick end to the snow and bringing hopes of an early spring.

Joint STARS, Predator demonstration proves successful

EGLIN AFB, Fla. — The Air Force Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Battlelab has announced the successful completion of the UAV and Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System Battlespace Imaging Demonstration.

For more than a year now, the battlelab has been developing a means to demonstrate integration of real-time UAV imagery onto an airborne battle management platform, said Maj. Scott Wilcoxon,

demonstration program manager. "With the help of the Joint STARS Joint Test Force and the 605th Test Squadron in Melbourne, Fla., and the 11th Reconnaissance Squadron at Indian Springs Air Force Auxiliary Field, Nev., we have done just that," he said.

The UAV Battlelab, part of the Aerospace Command and Control Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Center, focuses on developing and demonstrating

UAV innovation and technology for immediate payoff to the warfighter. This is the largest of many demonstrations the battlelab has performed during the past two years.

"This is the first Battlelab demonstration to fly with two separate operational Air Force platforms," said Wilcoxon. "It involved extensive planning and coordination to pull all of the players together. Our goal was not

only to demonstrate the technology of feeding Joint STARS with live UAV imagery, but to validate its operational utility in helping Joint STARS perform battle management functions."

Developed by the Joint STARS Joint Program Office under the direction of Col. Robert H. Latiff, the system is an Air Force and Army program designed to provide ground surveillance and battle management. The Joint STARS

airborne segment, designated E-8C, is composed of a militarized Boeing 707-300 series aircraft, with radar, communications, and operations and control subsystems. It provides wide area surveillance, detection, location, classification, tracking and monitoring of targets to develop an understanding of current ground operations.

One undeveloped capability of Joint STARS is combat identification.

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Straight Talk

Straight Talk provides two-way communication between the 66th Air Base Wing commander and people on base.

A 24 hour-a-day telephone line and E-mail account (STRAIGHT TALK) are set up as ways for Hanscom's population to submit questions, complaints or comments, anonymously, if desired. All concerns are personally reviewed by the wing commander.

However, the quickest and most efficient way to communicate comments or complaints is to go right to the source. To assist you, we've listed points of contact and telephone numbers for several key support organizations.

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Col. Chris T. Anzalone
66th Air Base Wing commander

Also, don't forget your supervisor, commander or first sergeant, they're there to help you.

If you are not satisfied with the response you receive, or are unable to solve the problem, please call the Straight Talk hot line at 3-3732.

Trailer Park fees

Q I have a question about your recent reply about the trailer park plowing. Are we being charged on our lot fees by how many times the trailer park is plowed? I don't think anyone understands exactly how the lot fees are determined.

A I'm sorry that wasn't clear to you. Yes, trailer park lot fees are changed yearly based on the

work performed the previous year. For example, FY99 trailer park lot fees are generated from actual costs for all work performed in the trailer park, utility expenses, etc. in FY98. All money spent on operating the trailer park in any fiscal year is captured, and then passed on to the occupants in the following fiscal year as lot fees. This means that the more work performed in the mobile home park (i.e. the more costs generated), including snow plowing and street sweeping, the higher the lot fees will be in the following year.

Team Hanscom's efforts make LRE success

by Col. Chris T. Anzalone
66th Air Base Wing

I want to thank every member of Team Hanscom for a job well done during last week's Local Readiness Exercise.

There was a superb sense of urgency that accompanied each exercise incident.

Whether it was an increase in

THREATCON levels or a bomb threat, everyone treated it seriously and without complaining. The attitudes I saw were right-on—positive, eager, and ready to obtain an "outstanding" on the Operational Readiness Inspection in June.

As a commander, this is the first time I felt like the entire installation was a "ready team" capable of

top-notch self-protection. We were clearly capable of deterring any threat.

We still have a ways to go in some areas, such as deployment, but we are clearly "in the game." We are striving to prove we perform to the highest Air Force standards ... and I know we will.

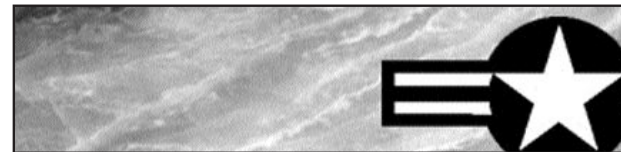
Keep up the great work, Team Hanscom!

Air Force advertises during March Madness

If you were among the many who watched the Cincinnati at Memphis National Collegiate Athletic Association men's basketball game Feb. 27, you were among the first to see the birth of a series of paid commercials in support of Air Force recruiting. These spots offer a message of belonging to an organization with a proud history and tradition, as well as a message to join an organization that has an important job to do.

Up to this point, all Air Force television advertising was done by means of public service announcements. Now, you will see Air Force advertisements regularly during such prime-time events as the televised "March Madness" college basketball games. The NCAA TV ad campaign continues through March 29. Air Force commercials will continue to run in major metropolitan markets throughout the spring and summer.

Why the change? The Air Force is facing an extremely challenging recruiting environment in which today's youth have greater employment and college opportunities to choose from. At the same time, our smaller force means a declining veteran population and



fewer bridges to connect young people to military service. All of this results in reduced inclination among America's youth to consider joining the military.

Television is an important source of information for our target recruiting audience, as well as for members currently on the Air Force team and for the American public we serve. Paid TV advertising can help increase awareness among all of those audiences of what the Air Force contributes to national security; it can also help develop a sense of pride in and among Air Force people, and the young people the service is trying to recruit.

The time is right for the Air Force to have a television presence. So, watch for your Air Force in the midst of your favorite NCAA tournament games, and look for us in other programming throughout the year.

For information on this subject, try the Air Force Link.

38th EIW Unit clinches command award

by Stephanie A. Carter and Karen Nobles

38th Engineering Installation Wing

TINKER AFB, Okla.—The 38th Logistics Squadron's contracting flight has been selected as the "1998 Air Force Materiel Command Outstanding Specialized Contracting Unit."

The 38th LS is one of five subordinate units located with the 38th Engineering Installation Wing at Tinker, which operates as a geographically separate unit of Electronic Systems Center here. It is one of six specialized contracting organizations in AFMC.

The contracting flight supports four specialized telecommunications missions for the Air Force: furnishing supplies and equipment for Air Force teams that engineer and install communications pro-

jects worldwide; providing contract E&I in the states and overseas; providing for the operations and maintenance of government-owned telephone switches and cable plants in the United States; and providing local phone service for all active duty Air Force locations, Air National Guard bases, Air Force Reserve units, and recruiting squadrons.

The award recognizes the unit for its dedicated teamwork, which resulted in a competition rate of 92 percent.

The unit also exceeded its goal in small business awards. In addition to awarding the first-ever "umbrella" operations and maintenance contract supporting communications requirements at Columbus AFB, Miss., the flight became a Department of Defense benchmark by breaking competition barriers and competing phone service

in the telecommunications marketplace with a validated savings in the Air Force's phone bill of \$15 million.

The organization was also cited for paving the way for contracting in the new millennium by migrating to a paperless contracting environment. Offers to do business with industry are placed on the World Wide Web.

The organization's interactive quality assurance evaluator web page, which is a one-stop location for QAE regulations, information, and training, has received "rave reviews" as lessons learned have been shared. An annual vendor qualification process was established for operations and maintenance actions, which alleviated the need for technical evaluation at time of solicitation. This innovation cut the contracting cycle time in half.

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Articles must be submitted by e-mail (hansconian@hanscom.af.mil) or brought in on a 3.5-inch floppy disk or a zip disk to Bldg. 1606, Room 110. Submissions must be received at least one week prior to each Friday's publication.

Paid ads

To purchase a display ad call Kurt Anderson at 978-371-5705.

Classified ads

Hansconian free classified ads are available to anyone affiliated with the base. Ads run for two weeks.

Business and rental ads are available for a fee. Call (781) 433-7940.

To place an ad, first complete a classified ad form. Forms are available in the ESC Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 1606, Room 109.

Next, mail the form through BITC to ESC/PA, fax a copy to Theresa Feely at 3-5077 or hand-carry it to the above location. Deadline is noon Friday.

For information, call the Hansconian office at 3-3912.

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Call 1-800-722-1914 for problems or questions concerning newspaper delivery to base housing.

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Research Lab scientist wins Waldo E. Smith Medal

First woman ever to win Smith award

The American Geophysical Union has awarded Margaret (Peggy) Ann Shea, a scientist emeritus at the Air Force Research Laboratory Space Vehicles Directorate at Hanscom, the prestigious Waldo E. Smith Medal for her extraordinary service to geophysics.

AGU only awards this senior medal every other year. In addition, Shea was accorded AGU fellowship.

Shea has led a prolific professional life. She has spent most of her career doing research for the Air Force and her work at AFRL concentrated on cosmic radiation and solar terrestrial phenomena. Also, she is recognized as an expert in geomagnetic cutoff rigidities for cosmic radiation. She has received several Air Force honors

including an Air Force Association Citation of Honor and the Guenter Loeser Memorial Award.

Throughout the years, Shea has served on many AGU committees and was a past editor-in-chief of the U.S. National Report to the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics. She is the author or co-author of more than 300 scientific papers, editor for 18 scientific reports, and organizer of 25 international meetings or symposia.

Working to facilitate the research of others, especially in the international community of science, Shea has worked extensively with scientists from eastern European countries. In 1985, she was awarded the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic's Academy of Sciences' Soviet Geophysical Committee's Commemorative medal honoring 100 Years of International Geophysics. In 1991, she received the designation of for-

eign associate of the British Royal Astronomical Society, which is an honor higher than fellow and more recently, was elected to the International Academy of Astronautics. Christopher Russell, professor of physics from the University of California—Los Angeles, who nominated Shea for the award, said "Peggy Shea embodies the motto of AGU, 'Unselfish Cooperation in Research.'"

Presently, Shea is editor-in-chief of *Advances in Space Research*, and although retired from AFRL, she continues to work for the laboratory in an emeritus position; she is also an adjunct professor at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Shea was honored with an award ceremony and banquet at the AGU conference held in San Francisco; she is the second woman in AGU history to be awarded a senior medal, and the first woman to receive the Smith award.



Margaret (Peggy) Ann Shea



photo by Master Sgt. Daryl Mayer

Taking care of our own

1st Lt. Butch Ray, base Air Force Assistance Fund project officer, adds in contributions from 1st Lt. Omar Vikin, Joint STARS program office. Unit representatives are still accepting donations for the fund which is the only drive that collects specifically for Air Force members. For information contact unit representatives or call Ray at 3-6859.

Lincoln preschool lottery scheduled

The Lincoln Public Schools Integrated Preschool at Hanscom will hold a lottery drawing of names for new preschoolers for preschool classes for the 1999 to 2000 school year April 1 at 9 a.m. in the Middle School conference room.

Children, to be eligible, need to be three years old by Dec. 1.

There will be three classes as follows: a morning class for children born between Oct. 2, 1994 and Oct. 1, 1995; an afternoon class for children born between Oct. 2, 1995 and May 31, 1996 and a morning class for children born between June 1, 1996 and December 1, 1996.

Contact Alison Adkins, the Integrated Preschool coordinating teacher, at 259-9889 to be added to the list of interested families or to reconfirm your interest in the program for your child.

Families are welcome to attend the lottery drawing, but there is no need to be present. There will be a second lottery drawing in August for families moving to the base between March and August or who miss the announcement of the March lottery drawing.

The Integrated Preschool provides an inclusive setting for educating Hanscom preschool children with identified special needs with their peers. This program is part of the military contract with Lincoln Public Schools and does not have a tuition fee.

For information call Alison Adkins at 259-9889.

Channel 76 now using PowerPoint; change gives users more flexibility

by Master Sgt. Daryl Mayer
ESC Public Affairs

Electronic Systems Center Public Affairs is using Microsoft PowerPoint to produce and display slides for Hanscom's Channel 76 local cable access television station.

Now those wishing to have a message added to the channel can design their own slide to meet their specific desires. This means users can add their own individual flair to help get their message noticed.

The slide can then be e-mailed to hansconian@hanscom.af.mil or mayerd@hanscom.af.mil to be added to the channel. People who can't create their own slide can send their message to the above addresses. The office staff can then create the slide for the user.

One point to consider in creating the slides is that the slide won't look the same on TV as it does on a computer monitor. This is because computer monitors have a much higher resolution than a TV. There is also a certain amount

of signal degradation in the transmission process.

In particular, users need to be aware of the font sizes they use on their slide. During testing it was discovered that any font smaller than 24 points is barely legible on the channel.

Using PowerPoint offers a lot of flexibility that just wasn't available under the old system, including the ability to use hundreds of additional colors and fonts.

PowerPoint also allows users to insert text animations to help highlight their message.

One source of dissatisfaction from the old system was the inability to add locally created artwork or photographs. This is another problem solved by the transition to the new system.

When the new system was brought online, all the slides that were in use were transitioned by the staff.

Channel 76

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Training guide updated

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas (AFPC) — The Air Force Civilian Career Programs have an updated guide for training and professional development.

The 1999 Civilian Training and Development Guide is designed to assist employees, managers, civilian personnel flights and civilian training offices in the annual training survey process.

The guide identifies training and development opportunities for members of the Air Force Civilian Career Programs. It includes information on projected courses for the next fiscal or academic year, nomination due dates, specific eligibility criteria and application procedures.

“Management and leadership development of the civilian work force is an essential component of long-term mission readiness,” said Garry Carter, AFPC’s direc-

tor of Civilian Career Management. “Such development must be systematic and tailored to the needs of the Air Force.”

The guide may also be used in nominating non-registrants for Air Force-wide long-term training, GS-15 executive development and Squadron Officer School training programs.

The updated guide is available on the Civilian Career Programs site of the Air Force Personnel Center home page at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

The Air Force Civilian Career Programs will no longer publish a hard copy of the guide.

“We’ve placed the guide on the web for the convenience of the people who really need it,” said Brown. “This also significantly reduces the cost of producing the guide and the time it takes to make it available to our workforce.”

Chaplain has his eyes opened

(Editors note: The following is excerpted from a sermon given by Chaplain (Maj.) Gary Smith in March.)

Commentary by Chaplain (Maj.) Gary L. Smith
Chapel

A man blind from birth had been healed and could now see. When asked about the credentials of the one who healed him, he replied “All I know is I once was blind and now I see.”

Monday I began the week as an evaluator on Hanscom’s Exercise Evaluation Team. Bad guys wearing red hats with the golf word “TEE” spelled backwards. (I would rather have been golfing.) But being on the EET is an attempt to help the team and the cause. Trying to help people respond in an organized and urgent manner to emergencies.

I have been on the immediate emergency response team for five aircraft accidents in the last 10 years. From searching for unaccounted pilots on downed aircraft to the notification of family members to the hospital to the funeral. I know firsthand the importance of an organized and urgent response.

Several have asked me this week, “Why is a chaplain on the EET?” Once you go through one actual response, you never ask that question again.

Wednesday, the base received the word that our own Chaplain (Capt.) Bill Burrell had been selected for the two-year Air Force Intern Program in Washington, D.C. Plus he will now be attending Squadron Officer School prior to moving to Washington this summer. So he only has six weeks left on this base.

Bittersweet is the word several are using for that selection. Thrilled for Bill, sad for us.

Thursday I was evaluating with a stopwatch the sense of urgency displayed by our base’s Disaster Control Group. One guy from the chapel community showed up on time, panting, wearing proper uniform and gear.

I am supposed to have an eye for detail on these things. I thought he responded with a sense of urgency and came prepared ... but his haircut was an embarrassment. Bad haircut!

Later that day, he told me that he had been sitting in the barber’s chair when he got the call to respond immediately. He said all he could think about was “Chaplain Smith emphasizing the ‘sense of urgency.’” So he immediately jumped out of the barber’s chair, paid for a full haircut and came on time ... with half a haircut.

I think the base is heading in the right direction if people start responding with half a haircut!

My son Daniel told me a couple of weeks ago, “I know my house well enough that I can walk around with my eyes closed and know where I am going.”

We exercise together so that we can ‘know our house and each other’ when the chaos of emergency blinds us.

When you spend your days getting to know people, coming to chapel, eating together, laughing together, crying together, exercising together, you can get through the less lighted days of life with less stumbling and more confidence.

I told Bill that I sure hated to see him go. I knew from the beginning two years ago that working with him was a gift. He flashed that smile of his and said, “Yeah, and the beauty is ... that it is a gift of God’s and because it is a gift nobody and no move can take it away.”

All I know is that I was blind and now I can see. It is all a gift.

Daniel and another nine-year-old boy, whose arms will take them into the major leagues some day, challenged me to a snowball war last night. I declined, because I had to write a sermon. They called me chicken in so many words. So I had a couple hours of snowball fighting instead of writing my sermon. Life is too short to not have snowball fights. Snowball fights are more important than sermons.

All I know is that I was blind and now I can see. And what I see makes me proud, even if some of you do have funny looking haircuts.

**To report a
fire, stop a
crime or
save a life,
dial 9-911
(377 numbers)
or dial 911
(274/275/271)**

Business positions await sergeants

The Air Force is looking to retrain senior master sergeants who enjoy working in a diverse, business-based career field.

Services squadrons need senior master sergeants to retrain into the services career field.

"The career field gives its non-commissioned officers exposure to many customer service driven, profit-type businesses, which are valuable additions to anyone's resume," said Senior Master Sgt. Brian Milkovich, chief of the Air Force Personnel Center's Services Enlisted Assignments.

The retraining is open to all Air Force Specialty Codes. If your AFSC does not have retraining-out positions, you can apply

through your military personnel flight to retrain-out as an exception to policy. This exception will be routed through your major command to AFPC and evaluated using current manning criteria as well as other factors or extenuating circumstances.

The services community holds numerous training classes each year, which help educate retrainees on the business activities in the career field.

Contact your base military personnel flight to apply. For career field information and assignment opportunities contact Milkovich at DSN 487-4008, 487-5205 or via e-mail at brian.milkovich@afpc.randolph.af.mil.

Perfect

Bandsman rolls game of a lifetime

by Master Sgt. Daryl Mayer
ESC Public Affairs

Strike, Strike, Strike, Strike, Strike, Strike, Strike, Strike, Strike, Strike, Strike, Strike.

In baseball, getting twelve strikes means you struck out four batters. In bowling, 12 strikes is perfection.

That is exactly what Senior Airman Tyler K. Selden was at the Hanscom Lanes recently, perfect.

The night started out normally enough for the saxophonist with the Band of Liberty here. Selden, who started bowling when he was 12, has a 195 average. Clearly he is used to bowling well ... although perhaps not quite this well. Yet halfway home in this game, Selden was still in familiar territory.

"I've done six strikes a couple of times," said Selden. "But after the seventh I thought I had a chance and by the ninth I really started getting nervous."

Keeping with all known bowling superstitions, no one said a "perfect" word, at least to Selden. But as he got closer, the word crept around the building. Like a siren song it drew everyone to see the perfection that they were all still afraid to mention.

"It was absolutely quiet," said Selden. "You could've heard a pin drop."

With 11 crosses on the score sheet, Selden stepped up to do it just one more time. He was "in a zone" as they so often say in sports, like a machine executing a series of actions.

"I was very centered," said Selden. Until he let the ball go.

"I said to myself 'Oh my gosh, it's a little bit too far to the right.'"

It turned out to be the low just before the high as the ball slowly hooked leftward and right into the pocket of waiting pins.

Immediately, the waiting crowd poured onto the lane to congratulate a stunned Selden. "I didn't really have time to think about it until I went to bed that night," he said.

While a perfect game is far beyond the reach of the rest of us, it may have been in the cards for Selden from the very beginning.

He hails from Williamsville, N.Y. where bowling is the pastime of choice. "It's a big bowling area, there are lots of alleys everywhere," Selden said.

Right in the midst of this "bowling community," Selden was born to a family of bowlers.

His maternal grandfather is 85 years old and still an avid bowler, as his other grandfather was up until the day he died.

His mother, who carries a 160 average, has also bowled for many years. Indeed, she even once chose bowling over labor.

"I was due on my mother's bowling day," recalled Selden. "She said she wasn't feeling any contractions, so she decided to go ahead and bowl. In a way you could say I was almost born in a bowling alley." In fact, Selden was born exactly one week later, again on one of his mother's bowling days. Luckily for Selden, his mom chose to go to the hospital that time.

From that start, it is no wonder that Selden found himself bowling at a young age. "This is my 17th sea-

son as a league bowler," said Selden.

In all those years, Selden has proven he was an above average bowler. On two occasions he has bowled a 264 game, which consists of a total of 8 strikes. One of those games also fell in a 760 series, which is his best ever in a three-game set.

Those are high achievements but now resting on the top of this list will be the perfect game.

And soon he will have the perfect memento, when the American Bowling Congress presents him with its highest award, the 300 game ring. "It's bowling's equivalent of a Super Bowl ring," Selden added.

In order for the ABC to officially recognize a perfect game, it must be bowled on a lane that has met the congress's rigorous standards. This entails an annual inspection by congress officials. The lane must then maintain those standards throughout the year to keep its standing as an official ABC site. Because the Hanscom Lanes have met all the congress's criteria, Selden's game has been recognized by the ABC.

"Most league bowlers dream about someday rolling a 300. I was no different," concluded Selden. "But it was really great to see the true sportsmanship of the game of bowling in everyone who was at Hanscom Lanes that night, cheering for the last strike."

It is certain to be a feeling he will never forget.



photo by Master Sgt. Daryl Mayer

Tyler K. Selden rolls a few practice frames at the Hanscom Lanes. He started bowling when he was twelve years old.

New purchase agreements target customers’ needs, budgets

by **Darlene Y. Cowsert**
Standard Systems Group Public Affairs

MAXWELL AFB, GUNTER ANNEX, Ala. – Standard Systems Group has entered into blanket purchase agreements for desktop, portable, and server systems with Dell Marketing L.P., Gateway 2000, Inc. and Micron Electronics, Inc.

Standard Systems Group also entered into blanket purchase agreements with Comark Federal Systems, Government Technology Services Inc. and Westwood Computer Corp. for printers, plotters, scanners, multifunction printers and accessories.

The blanket purchase agreements are the most recent initiative of the Commercial Information Technology Product Area Directorate — the Air Force’s single source

for everything from desktop computers to software and network solutions.

“We must meet customer needs quickly and cost effectively,” said Robert A. Frye, Standard Systems Group executive director. “That’s why we created a new streamlined and innovative approach to acquire and provide information technology products and services – one that takes into account the dynamics of the information technology marketplace, products, suppliers and, most importantly, the customers.”

The new streamlined approach, known as Information Technology Tools, or IT2, was developed with the customers’ needs and preferences in mind, Frye added.

“The IT2 strategy puts customers in contact with quality vendors, allows us to offer better value, matches industry’s product categories and keeps us flexible in the marketplace,” said Lt. Col. Glenn Taylor, director of the Commercial Information Technology Product Area Directorate, or CIT-PAD.

“The CIT-PAD’s charter is to exploit the

Air Force’s buying power in order to provide customers with quality IT products and services at great prices.”

The IT2 program reduces the acquisition cycle time and gives the CIT-PAD the flexibility to add, drop or replace contractors as their performance, customer requirements and technology shifts, said Maj. Terry Slemph, the IT2 Acquisition Program manager.

By offering customers the most current commercial-off-the shelf products available from quality contractors, the CIT-PAD can confidently project increased sales, Slemph said. “Greater volume increases leverage with our industry partners, allowing us to negotiate lower prices – providing a lower cost of ownership to our customers. For example, a 450MHz desktop from a world-class manufacturer is priced 30 to 38 percent below GSA schedule prices. Everybody wins with IT2.”

Visit the CIT-PAD website at <http://web1.ssg.af.mil/CIT-PAD/> for information.

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The Pride of "Team Hanscom"

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Family/marital status: Married

Hometown: Leominster, Mass.

Birthday: April 14, 1978

Hobbies: painting, writing, and taking long walks

Date arrived station: Sept. 15, 1997

My pet peeve is: unorganization

Last book read: The Dilbert Future

Last movie watched: 'Office Space'

Favorite T.V. show: 'Friends'

Inspirations: My mother and my husband

My best Air Force memory is:

Flying in a Red Baron plane

What quality of life initiative

would you like to see imple-

mented: I would like to see

more culture brought to the base. I also wouldn't mind having mandatory PT three times a week.

Favorite song: 'From this Moment' by: Shania Twain

Future goals: To receive my CCAF degree and then my bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems.

Lifelong dream or ambition: To become an actress



If you would like to nominate someone to profile in a future Hansconian, please contact Senior Airman Kevin Brooks at 3-5115

Lemay Foundation helps widows

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPC) — Air Force people helping Air Force people. That's what the Air Force Assistance Fund and the LeMay Foundation is all about.

In September the Curtis E. LeMay Foundation published a notice in the Afterburner, the Air Force's retirees' newsletter. The notice was a reminder that the foundation was available and able to provide financial assistance to widows of retired Air Force officer and enlisted members.

Since that article was published, the foundation has hired more people to handle the additional workload caused by the influx of application packages. They received more than 200 requests between September and February.

"One of our main objectives at the LeMay Foundation is to assist widows who need help to remain in their homes after their spouses pass away," said Hugh MacCauley, of the LeMay Foundation. "We've been doing this for 12 years." Just

since September, the LeMay Foundation has approved 57 grants, 32 for a one-time payment and 25 for monthly payments. The monthly payments stay in effect until they are no longer needed, while the one-time payments can become monthly payments if necessary.

"Our hope is to continue helping more people," he continued. "We help both officer and enlisted widows, wherever they reside; so anyone who is eligible and needs the help, will get it!"

Predator (from page 1)

With the addition of onboard visual imagery, its crew has a means to identify and cross cue radar returns for real-time positive identification of battlefield targets.

There are a number of experimental and prototype UAVs available for battlelab demonstrations, but for this project the RQ-1A Predator was chosen. The Predator, with its associated ground control station, is the first operational UAV system in the Air Force inventory. It operates electro-optical, infrared, and Synthetic Aperture Radar sensors from its platform. The battlelab chose Predator with the intention of demonstrating operational realism and immediate warfighter payoff.

"Predator is flying for the Air Force right now, and its picture is available through a number of means," said Capt. Tom Hesterman, 11th Reconnaissance Squadron assistant operations officer and the demonstration's lead Predator pilot. "If we can link its picture to other operational airborne platforms, we can immediately improve theater surveillance, reconnaissance and ID capabilities."

With the correlation of real-time UAV imagery, the Joint STARS crew can track, identify and cross-cue radar returns for positive identification of moving and stationary ground targets. For example, not only will Joint STARS recognize a "dot" as a tank, truck, missile platform, etc., but will identify vehicle type, classify it as friend or foe and track it throughout its life on the battlefield. UAV imagery also provides Joint STARS operators with a capability to "see" targets which are screened from the E-8C radar by terrain or buildings.

The battlelab also broke new technical ground by arranging for Joint STARS to receive Predator's Exploitation Support Data, a telemetry stream broadcast alongside the imagery signal. Predator's Joint Program Office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, facilitated the technical hardware and software installation within Predator's GCS at Indian Springs.

With Exploitation Support Data, the Joint STARS workstation displays the UAV's position and sensor "footprint." "This is critical to the operational utility of UAV imagery onboard Joint STARS," said Northrop Grumman's Steve Mitchell, the project's lead technical engineer. "The data allows us to immediately correlate what the UAV sees with what Joint STARS sees. If we had to mechanically convert and correlate geographical data for both platforms, it wouldn't be timely or dynamically workable."

The Battle-space Imaging **E-8C Joint STARS Demonstration**

was conducted in two phases. Phase One was a laboratory demonstration completed Oct. 1, 1998. All of the elements of the plan were enacted in a laboratory setting and proved to work as expected. Various video processing software, video display quality, as well as crew coordination and workstation procedures were tested. The lab phase successfully demonstrated that the Predator could feed video to Joint STARS and that the Joint STARS workstation hardware and software were compatible with the video imagery feed.

In Phase Two, the participants had to actually go out and demonstrate the concept on the real platform. Flights were completed over the Nellis Air Force Base Range in February.

The demonstration architecture consisted of the Predator UAV, the Joint STARS airborne test platform and connectivity via an in-place Direct Broadcast Service communications architecture, with imagery received onboard Joint Stars by means of a Boeing-installed DBS phased-array antenna on the aircraft.

"The communications architecture was designed to emu-

late the Air Force's future military information satellite network known as Global Broadcast Service," said Wilcoxon. "As GBS closely resembles the commercial Direct Broadcast Service product, we saw it as a natural way to demonstrate the capability GBS will eventually give the Air Force."

Global Broadcast Service is an extension of the Defense Information Systems Network and a part of the overall Department of Defense Military Satellite Communications architecture. As such, it will employ an open architecture, which can accept a variety of input formats. It will exploit commercial off-the-shelf technology, and will interface with and augment other major Department of Defense information systems, such as the Global Command and Control System, as well as other theater information management systems.

"As Global Broadcast Service continues to mature and develop, we want to make a case for equipping Air Force command and control platforms such as Joint STARS, AWACS and Rivet Joint with airborne GBS hardware and software," said Wilcoxon.

"This demonstration is a major step forward in providing Joint STARS with a sensor-to-shooter role," said Col. Ben Robinson, Joint STARS' first operational wing commander and current Air Force deputy director of command and control. "The capability for Joint STARS to 'put a face to a target' significantly improves its ability to provide

immediate targeting data to strike aircraft, in addition to other forward battlefield elements conducting targeting and strike operations."

According to Capt. Candice Music, a 605th Test Squadron E-8C operator actually using the imagery, "this capability is critical to expeditionary operations because we can now fuse multi-sensor surveillance information on

an airborne platform, allowing us to drastically decrease timelines to prosecute critical targets."

The demonstration has garnered high interest from Air Force leadership since the battlelab's initial development last year, said Wilcoxon. Robinson was among the distinguished visitors onboard Joint STARS for the demonstration, which also included Maj. Gen. Kenneth Hess, Air Force director of command and control, and Col. Dennis Matthews, chief of Airborne Command and Control and Radar Systems Division for the secretary of the Air Force.

To rigorously test the system, the UAV Battlelab's Chief Master Sgt. Gary Wildman built an operational scenario that emulated the surveillance of a large target area with multiple fixed and moving targets. Wildman describes the scenario "as operationally realistic as we could possibly make it without actually launching a SCUD. We included two SCUD TELS (transporter-erector-launchers), one decoy and one real one, unattended measurement and signature intelligence sensors, computer-simulated SCUD launches, and two convoys totaling a dozen vehicles, all to provide Joint STARS



courtesy photo

A Predator Unmanned Aerial Vehicle sits outside its hangar in Tazar AB, Hungary.

and Predator crews with a realistic battlefield scenario."

The Joint STARS and Predator teams expertly tracked both convoys throughout the entire scenario, even during run-and-hide tactics built into the target game plan, according to Wildman.

"We put together a fairly robust team of participants for this demonstration," said Maj. Phillip Pearson, the project's co-program manager and first 11th Reconnaissance Squadron director of operations. "The contractor team of Northrop Grumman and Boeing Aviation Information Services did a tremendous job in configuring Joint STARS test aircraft to receive and process Predator's video picture."

Additionally, the Joint Theater Missile Defense Attack Operations Office at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., supplied SCUD targets and ground vehicle operations, and Space Warfare Center's SHIELD Office designed and operated first-class, simulated SCUD launches and ground sensor cues. "It really made the demonstration come together," said Pearson. "The electro-optical and infrared imagery sent to Joint STARS from Predator was as clean as I've ever seen it."

Livingston Holder, Boeing AIS program manager said he was extremely pleased with the system's performance. "I think it shows how commercial technology could prove to be a very effective means of leveraging taxpayers' dollars to improve our national defense systems," he said. "A cooperative spirit between industry and the government is beneficial to all of us."

The next step is to look at how to exploit this new capability, said Wilcoxon. "If Joint STARS has reliable and continual access to Predator imagery during a contingency situation, it is conceivable that the combat ID process, data exploitation and the targeting and attack function used to strike ground targets can be drastically improved," he said.

"Additionally, the latency built in to decision-making can be significantly reduced. But it's all dependent on Joint STARS being outfitted with GBS-compatible antennas, receivers, and associated hardware and software," he added.

The Joint STARS Joint Program Office is building a transition plan to employ this technology to meet current and future Joint STARS operational requirements. As Global Broadcast System becomes an Air Force staple, installing the components should be an easy fix to providing available Predator imagery to not only Joint STARS, but possibly other command and control platforms.

Latiff said he was excited about the project before it was even demonstrated. "If we can actually field this technology onto the platform, we can take a significant step towards making Joint STARS what it was always intended to be," he said. "It's definitely the direction in which we want to go."



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— *Police Corner* —

by **Staff Sgt. Brennon J. Slieff**
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The Police Corner is a synopsis of significant activities developed from reports, complaints, incidents or information received March from 5 to 11.

Reports and Incidents

- ❑ Patrols investigated an alleged theft of government and personal property in Bldg. 1107.
- ❑ Patrols investigated an alleged damage to private property at Bldg. 1993.
- ❑ Patrols observed two individuals attempting to install a phone line in the service room of Bldg. 1511. The individuals were apprehended and charged with obtaining services under false pretenses.
- ❑ The entry controller at Gate 4 detained an individual he believed

was driving under the influence. The Lexington Police Department responded and took the driver into custody.

- ❑ Security forces assisted five people who locked themselves out of their vehicles.
- ❑ Patrols initiated a traffic stop on an individual for running the stop sign at the intersection of Barksdale and Kirtland. The subject failed a field sobriety test and was detained for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Theft and Vandalism
Computer equipment from Bldg. 1107.

Citations Issued: 1

Tip of the Week
As a reminder, vehicles parked in the street during snow removal will be towed if we cannot find the owner.

Calendar of Events

Upcoming and Weeklies

Retired Officers' Association Paul Revere Chapter

The Retired Officers' Association Paul Revere Chapter is accepting applications for its annual scholarships to students at four year colleges.

The typical award will be about \$1,000. Children and grandchildren of members of the Paul Revere Chapter of TROA, as well as children of active duty military personnel stationed at Hanscom are eligible. The deadline for submitting applications is April 30.

Applications are available at the Education Center Customer Service desk and by e-mail requests to retired Lt. Col. Paul Sullivan at sullivanp@empire.net or call (978) 433-9909.

Easter Egg hunt

It's time to shake off the winter doldrums and think spring. The Annual Base Easter Egg Hunt co-sponsored by the Officers' Wives' Club and 66th Services Squadron hops on to calendars, March 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Children will hunt for eggs outside at Castle Park by the gazebo. An alternate location will be announced in the event of inclement weather.

After a quick scramble to gather eggs, the children are invited to the Youth Center for refreshments and goody bags.

Remember to dress appropriately for the weather and bring your own egg collecting basket and your eggs-ray vision to detect the location of the hidden eggs.

For information contact Lisa Bednar 863-8387 or Cathy Duggan 274-6730.

Retiree Activities Office Tax Services

The tax experts at the Retiree Activities Office are booked up for the rest of the tax season but they are still

available to file your taxes electronically. They are located in Bldg. 1305, first floor, in the customer service section.

Sign language volunteers

There are several hearing impaired employees at Hanscom who are in need of interpretive services. People who are familiar with sign language are being asked to volunteer to help these employees at meetings, conferences, and official functions.

Even a short amount of time can make a significant difference to the hearing impaired on the base. Experience with American sign language, signed English and finger spelling would be helpful, in that order of precedence.

For information, call Laurie Cunningham at 3-4054, or Andrew Hodyke at 3-8473.

Retirement ceremony

Master Sgt. Jacob Bronkema Jr. will retire from the Air Force after over 22 years of service March 26 at 1p.m.

The ceremony will be held at the MITRE S Bldg. 1S100. For information contact 1st Lt. Tim Trimmell at 271-4726 or 1st Lt. Giuliano Rubini at 271-4729.

Tax Assistance is as close as your telephone or internet browser

If you are like most Americans during tax season, you're spending the majority of your tax preparation time figuring out which forms you need to file and the proper way to fill them out.

Don't get frustrated - log on to the internet or pick up the telephone and get the experts to help you with your income tax questions.

For federal income tax questions you can call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040; for forms call 1-800-tax-form, or you can visit its web site at irs.ustreas.gov.

Your organization's VITA representative can also help with your federal income tax questions. Once you identify your VITA rep, make an appointment to see him or her.

You can pick up the most frequently used federal forms, instructions and schedules on the first floor of the Brown Building (1305). They are located in the same office space as Vehicle Registration, against the back wall of the waiting area, next to the copier.

10th Annual Battle Road Run

The 10th Annual Battle Road Run will be held May 15. Volunteers are needed to conduct this 10 kilometer running or walking event. Volunteer positions range from course set-up, start line crew, mile splits, finish line crew, registration crew, post-race crew, water points, publicity and parking crew.

Any base people wishing to volunteer can call or e-mail Jerry Turnbow, Fitness and Sports director at 3-7150.

Family Services seeks coordinator

The Family Support Center is recruiting for the volunteer position of Family Services Volunteer Coordinator. Other vacancies include Welcoming and Loan Locker committee chairs. Family Services is the hub of activity for families and singles arriving and departing Hanscom.

The Volunteer Coordinator position is a six-month term requiring 10 to 20 hours per week. Free childcare is provided for all volunteers. The coordinator oversees seven volunteer programs, ensuring quality services are provided in the Loan Locker, STRIPES, Layette, Welcome Committee, Office, Playgroup and Brochures.

The coordinator also chairs monthly board meetings, organizes special events and provides two-way communication between 20 volunteers and the Family Support Center staff. Candidates should be well organized and have

excellent people skills. Computer skills and prior Family Services experience are desirable, but we will train.

For information call Sondra Albano at 3-4222.

Men's Base Volleyball

Anyone interested in trying out for or coaching the men's base volleyball team should call Staff Sgt. Chris Asuncion at 3-3353 or 3-2752.

Volunteers needed

The Child Development Center staff is looking for volunteers to take care of the fish tank in the lobby there. Children of all ages have enjoyed watching the freshwater fish in the tank, but many of the center's volunteers are unavailable to care for the tank due to transfers.

If interested in feeding the fish, helping to clean out the tank or change the water, contact the Parent Advisory Board chairperson, Jim Reinold at 981-0791, or the Child Development Center staff at 3-7166.

Airman Education and Commissioning Program

The application process has begun for the next Airman Education and Commissioning Program selection board.

The application cut-off date for a memorandum of academic eligibility is April 1. This program is open to airmen who wish to pursue a baccalaureate degree in meteorology, computer engineering, electrical engineering, foreign languages and foreign area studies. Applicants who successfully complete their academic phase of AECP will enter Officer Training School.

Applicants should contact the base education office for information, 3-3120.

Volunteers needed

Put your expertise to work, and make a difference in someone's life. You might even develop new skills. Either way, you'll certainly improve your community and make new friends.

And if that's not enough, we help you help us by offering free child care and flexible hours - all this by volunteering at Family Services. "Worker-bee" and leadership positions are available in the areas of office, lending locker, Attic, brochures, welcoming, STRIPES, layette and special projects. If you enjoy a challenge and want to be a part of a winning team, call Jacqi Thomas at 3-4222.

Housing office closure

The Family Housing office will be closed every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. for staff meeting and training. Emergency service can be handled by calling 3-4590.

For information call Kim Kintzel, housing manager at 3-3387.

Civil Engineering Environmental Flight

Household hazardous waste turn-in is from 8 to 9 a.m. every Tuesday. This turn-in is available for both on-base residents and base organizations.

For information contact Robert Spelfogel at 3-8207.

Computer Based Training arrives at Hanscom

The Communications and Information Division Training Office provides many computer based training courses to all government personnel assigned to Hanscom.

This program will allow you to download a training course to your computer and take the course at your convenience. The office has more than 100 courses available covering areas such as Windows NT, Microsoft Office, UNIX, and Networking fundamentals. To establish an account contact the SC Training office 3-1253.

Volunteers needed for Recruiting Role

The 319th Recruiting Squadron is looking for active duty people to volunteer for the Recruiting Role Model Assistance program.

Volunteers will talk about their area of expertise to high school students throughout the New England area.

For information about the program or to volunteer, contact Tech. Sgt. Michael Lord or Staff Sgt. Claudette Hutchinson at (603) 427-5055.

Patriot Dining Facility

The weekday hours of the facility are as follows: Breakfast — 6 to 8 a.m. Lunch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Dinner — 4 to 6 p.m. Weekend and holiday hours: Brunch — 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Supper — 4 to 6 p.m.
Friday <i>Lunch:</i> roast beef, baked fish with garlic butter <i>Dinner:</i> pineapple chicken*, roast ham*	<i>loaf*</i> <i>Dinner:</i> grilled ham steak*, Chinese five spice chicken*
Saturday <i>Brunch:</i> hamburger yakisoba, chicken chow mien <i>Supper:</i> savory baked chicken*, mostacolli with basil sauce*	Tuesday <i>Lunch:</i> salisbury steak, chipper perch* <i>Dinner:</i> chicken Kiev, turkey risotto*
Sunday <i>Brunch:</i> ham and macaroni casserole, veal steak <i>Supper:</i> barbecued chicken, Polish sausage	Wednesday <i>Lunch:</i> Mongolian barbecue <i>Dinner:</i> barbecued franks, chicken lo-mein*
Monday <i>Lunch:</i> chicken tetrazzini, turkey	Thursday <i>Lunch:</i> sloppy Joe, Italian sausage <i>Dinner:</i> barbecued pork cubes, parmesan chicken*

Items listed with an "" are "Check it Out" Healthy items. For information on the Patriot Dining Facility or the menu, contact Master Sgt. Harold Warnett at 3-2189. NOTE: Menu items subject to change.*

Hanscom School Menu

Monday Grilled cheese sandwich, cup of soup, niblet corn, fruit cup	Tuesday Hot dog on bun, mustard, ketchup, relish, oven baked fries, sweet carrots, fruit	Thursday Baked chicken nuggets, mashed potato, veggie sticks with dip, pineapple	Friday Tacos with lean meat, cheese, lettuce tomato or fish pattie on roll, corn, cake
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Happenings

Work and life

□ **Lieutenants' basic financial briefing** will be held at the Family Support Center Tuesday from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Topics include military pay and allowances, rent, utilities, savings, managing credit, and investment basics.

□ **Consumer credit counseling service money management** will be held at the Officer's Club Wednesday, from noon to 1 p.m. Learn about handling credit, designing a spending plan, managing your money and coping with financial change. Call 274-6335 to register. Sponsored by the Hanscom Federal Credit Union.

□ **Newcomers' "T" adventure** will be held at the Family Support Center March 26, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Newcomers are invited to a fun, informational seminar to find out what is going on at Hanscom and in Boston. Afterward, ride into Boston with us using the "T." All you'll need is an adventurous spirit and \$4 for bus or subway fares. You can bring a lunch or purchase lunch downtown.

This program is part of the community orientation for inprocessing. Newly arrived service members do not have to take leave to attend.

□ A class for **planning ahead for retirement** will be held Wednesday at 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the Family Support Center. Learn information you need to take control of and participate as an informed consumer in making decisions about your financial future. Topics include properly designing investment portfolios to meet your future goals, the stock and bond markets, how to read newspaper financial pages and much more. Call 3-4222 to register.

Fitness enhancement

□ **Assertiveness training**, a series of four, one-hour classes, will be held Tuesday, and March 26 from noon to 1 p.m. Learning how to express your feelings and needs to others forcefully and honestly - yet politely - can significantly reduce your level of stress. Call 3-6560 to register.

Parenting

□ **Mom said, Dad said** will be held at the Family Support Center Tuesday and Wednesday and Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This workshop focuses on the common differences in parenting styles between mothers and fathers, the causes of the differences, and ideas to help parents raise their children as partners. It is presented by Jewish Family and Children's Service.

Employment assistance

□ **Job search networking group** will be held at the Family Support Center Mondays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Join this group to sharpen your job search skills and share techniques that work. Registration not required.

□ **Veteran Affairs disability claims review** will be held at the Family Support Center on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A representative from AMVETS, a veterans' service organization, will assist you in processing your disability claim and answer questions. Call 3-4222 for an appointment.

Education Center, Bldg. 1728, 3-2021

□ **Introduction to groundwater investigations** will be held Tuesday to Thursday, in the Education Center, Room

G, Bldg. 1728. This course is designed to provide participants with information concerning hydrogeological processes and the necessary elements of a sound groundwater site investigation.

This course is intended for personnel who are involved in groundwater contamination investigations.

Enrollment is limited. For eligibility information and registration contact Lois Morin, 3-2100.

Patriot Enlisted Association

□ The association is an open forum for all technical sergeants and below to discuss issues as peers.

The group builds teamwork to make a difference in the community, and serves as a voice to the ESC command chief master sergeant on issues such as dorms, community involvement and quality of life matters. Monthly meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the Enlisted Club.

For information contact Senior Airman Matthew Knoll 3-3379.

Patriot Senior NCO Association

□ The Top Three Association is a professional membership association for senior non-commissioned officers, active duty and retired.

The group actively supports the men and women of Hanscom and the surrounding communities. The Top Three also serves as a base network for problem-solving and encourages comradeship. Meetings are held the last Tuesday of every month at the enlisted club.

For information call Master Sgt. Jayson McPherson at 3-8001.

Company Grade Officers' Council

□ The CGOC is an organization open to all company grade officers, (including all services), for the purpose of maintaining a forum for junior officers to serve the Hanscom community, identify and voice concerns, provide a social outlet, and develop an esprit de corps among the members.

□ The council holds its general assembly meetings monthly, usually on the first Friday of the month. Meeting times are from 4 to 5 p.m. and will normally begin with a half hour social period followed by a general business session. Meeting locations change monthly so keep an eye out for the location. The CGOC plans activities every month, and with the exception of the monthly meetings, spouses, friends and co-workers are invited and encouraged to participate. We are also starting Crud nights on the first and third Fridays of every month. Crud is played at the O'Club in the Crud Room of the Powder Keg Pub, and generally starts around 5:30 p.m. New and experienced players are welcome. For information on Crud contact Capt. Mark Connell at 3-1777.

For details and information visit the CenterNet website at <http://esc.hanscom.af.mil/cgoc/orgC->

[GOC.htm](http://esc.hanscom.af.mil/cgoc.htm) or, if you do not have access to the CenterNet, you can visit our WWW site at <http://www.hanscom.af.mil/CGOC/>. If you need information contact the CGOC President, 1st Lt. Marty Mears, at 271-2983 or Vice President, Capt. Nicole Moses, at 3-8036.

Enlisted Wives' Club

□ Enlisted Wives' Club members invites eligible people to attend the general membership meeting in the Tuskegee Dining Room at the Patriot Enlisted Club on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Meetings are open to all spouses of enlisted personnel and all enlisted military personnel, married or single. The EWC is involved in many community activities at Hanscom and have fundraisers to help support the community. The group enjoys many social activities and outings throughout the year. Experience the friendship and support that the EWC has to offer.

For information concerning the EWC and membership, contact President Tricia Kemens, at 275-9431 or Membership Chairperson Marty Rockenstire, at 274-7948.

Religious Activities

Chapel, Bldg. 1603, 3-3538

□ **Catholic masses:** Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 7:30 and 11 a.m. and weekdays at 12:05 p.m.

□ **Protestant worship:** general Protestant Service — Sundays at 9 a.m.; Gospel Service — Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

□ **Jewish services:** the first and third Friday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

□ **Eastern Orthodox:** for information contact Tech. Sgt. James M. Boubonis at 274-8714.

□ **For information** on chapel services, call 3-3538 or 3-3539.

Chapel Events

Choirs, Choirs, Choirs

Both the Catholic and Protestant Chapel programs on base have a variety of excellent music opportunities for you and your family.

The choir options for you are: folk, bell, children's, gospel, praise and solo opportunities. Contact the chapel at 3-3538 if you have any choir questions.

Many special pieces are being rehearsed beginning next week for Easter specials. Come and make your Easter complete.

Youth Groups

The Protestant and Catholic Youth Groups in the chapel are making plans to attend the June 4 Atlanta Braves and Boston Red Sox game at Fenway Park.

The Protestant Youth meet every Wednesday night at the chapel for pizza at 5:30 p.m. and the Catholic youth meet monthly for pizza. Contact Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas Sandi for Catholic youth information or Chaplain (Maj.) Gary Smith for Protestant youth information.

Women's Meeting

Cardi McFarland will be the guest speaker for this month's Chapel Women's meeting Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. at the base chapel.

This one-hour event will include Cardi's telling of her own story of faith and what the Church means to her, refreshments, a relaxing atmosphere, and the opportunity to meet others.

It is a no cost, no pressure, no clean-up evening hosted by the Combined Protestant and Catholic Women of the Chapel groups. For information contact Chaplain (Maj.) Gary Smith at 3-3538, Sandra Whitley at 274-0339, or Kathy Schneff at 274-0120.

The chapel has a full range of children, youth, and adult programs every month. Come by the chapel (the only building on base with a steeple) and pick up a calendar of either Catholic, Protestant, or Jewish upcoming events.

If you have given up chocolate for Lent and have some Girl Scout cookies you need to get rid of, come on over to the chapel and your chaplain staff will help you dispose of the cookies in an appropriate and acceptable manner.

People's Corner

Comptroller (ESC/FM)

Welcome to Marc Lemiux, Richard Jacques and Kathy St. John.

Congratulations to Don Dowling as a first time grandparent.

Global Air Traffic Operations Mobility C2 (GATO/MC2)

Welcome to Thomas Woolpert and Melissa Theberge.

Happy birthday to Mary Girard.

Congratulations to this quarter's award winners Capt. Raegan Echols, Capt. Louis Littleton, Theresa Eiermann, Laura DeLuca, Diane Collins and Jeff Monti.

Contracting (PK)

Congratulations to Marla Levenson and William Moffitt for being selected as PK's newest GS-12s, and Alloria Harris and Gordon MacPhee for being selected as the new GS-13 PCOs (subject to successful Warrant Board completion.)

Spotlights

A supplement to the Hansconian

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What's Happening in Services

Outdoor Recreation Bldg. 1531, 3-5316

□ Remember to use Outdoor Recreation for UPS shipping needs.

□ A Hunter Education Course, co-sponsored with the Massachusetts Environmental Police will be offered in May. This course is free.

□ Attend our Open House on May 19. View our selection of camping equipment.

□ Ask us about our "Frequent Skier Program".

□ Great deals for eligible patrons of Services for snow sports through **Operation Ski and Snowboard** (OpSki), an annual program developed especially for the Armed Services.

For information and details call Outdoor Recreation at 3-5316.

□ 1999 Massachusetts hunting, fishing, and sporting licenses are available. Hunting and fishing combination is \$29 and a full sporting license is \$46.50.

□ Ski tuning is available. Basic tune-up is \$15 and a full service tune-up is \$18. Custom edge sharpening is \$7.50.

Base Library

Bldg. 1530, 3-2177

□ **Story Time** for children takes place every Tuesday, 10:15 to 11 a.m. Children ages three to five are invited to join us for stories and craft activities.

□ Library hours are as follows: Monday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed Sundays and holidays.

□ Federal and Massachusetts state tax forms are available at the Library.

□ OWC Scholarship applications are available at the Library.

Veterinary Clinic

Bldg. 11219, 3-3266

□ Pet owners whose pets are due shots March to May should

plan to visit a local veterinarian due to PCS move of our vet support. Replacement is due in May.

Fitness and Sports Bldg. 1548, 3-3639

□ The Fitness and Sports Center offers **17 aerobic classes** each week. Stop by or call for schedule and details of class levels and times.

Child Development Center, Bldg. 1994, 3-7166

□ **Hourly Care** for children six weeks to age five. Call one week in advance for reservations. Space is limited and available to first come, first served. Hours are 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

□ **Caregiver positions** are available. For information call the Human Resource office at 3-8741.

□ The Center has openings in part-day preschool as well as three and four year old full day care.

Family Child Care Bldg. 1994, 3-1280

□ Love working with children? Want to be your own boss and set your own hours? Then give the Family Child Care office a call and learn more about becoming a Family Child Care provider.

Hanscom Lanes Bldg. 1531, 3-2237

□ Hanscom Lanes is smoke free five days a week: Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

□ **Bowling bingo** runs daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Win up to \$1,000. Only \$1 per chance.

□ **Family bowling** is March 27. Choose from 3 to 5 p.m. or 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. Cost is \$7 per lane for two hours of bowling.

□ **Glow bowling** is Saturday. Make it a fun night for the whole family beginning at 7:30 p.m. and don't forget to bring a friend!

□ **King and Queen of the Hill Tournament** is March 27. Start time is 7:30 p.m. Call for registration information.

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Swimming Pool Bldg. 1550, 3-2455

□ Pool hours are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (adult laps) and 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 6 p.m. The pool is closed on Sundays and holidays.

□ **Private swim lessons** are available upon request. Cost is \$60 for eight lessons. Call the pool for more information.

□ The base pool is offering **water aerobics** classes Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Cost is \$70 for 10 weeks or \$4 per class.

For information call 3-2455.

Tickets and Tours Bldg. 1531, 3-3262

□ Tickets, tours and more: **Ragtime**, Sunday at 2 p.m., \$70 at the Colonial Theater. Tour the **Best of Ireland**, April 20 to 28, \$1,149 per person, double occupancy plus tax. **Champions on Ice** at the Fleet Center, April 18, \$43; **Titanic**, June 13 and 20 at 2 p.m., at the Wang Center, \$66 per ticket. **Chicago**, May 9 and 23, at 2 p.m. at the Shubert Theater, \$66.

□ Coming in the Fall ... watch for on sale announcement of tickets for **Camelot**, Sept. 27 at the Wang Center and **Jekyll and Hyde** Oct. 3.

□ Coming attractions include **Nova Scotia; Salem, Gloucester and Rockport; Myrtle Beach, Daytona Beach, Washington D.C. and Vermont.**



Bring a friend to
"Glow Bowl"
at Hanscom Lanes
tomorrow at 7:30

The mountains
still have snow!



Outdoor Recreation offers discount ski Tickets to major New England ski areas

Discount lift tickets for some of the major New England ski areas are still available for sale at Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 1531 (rear of Bowling Center).

Loon	\$38
Gunstock	\$25 weekday/\$32 weekend
Ragged Mtn.	\$16 weekday/\$30 weekend
Junior (13-18)	\$26 weekend
Youth (6-12)	\$21 weekend
Killington	\$42 weekday/\$47 weekend
Nashoba	\$16 weekday/\$22.75 weekend
Wachusett	\$28 weekday/\$35 weekend

The Patriot Golf Course offers early bird specials

Say "good-bye" to cabin fever! Spring is just around the corner and the Patriot Golf Course is ready.

Annual green fee cards are available at the Golf Shop. Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the month of March. Don't wait for the first warm day to visit us.

Weather permitting, the golf course and driving range will reopen April 1. A spring cleaning sale is going on at the Golf Shop. Soft Joy Siererra's \$39, regularly \$69.

Assorted stand bags were \$109, now on sale at \$69. All Ashworth apparel is 30 percent off and all women's apparel is 40 percent off.



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Gardeners & Laborers

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Club Happenings

Patriot Enlisted Club, 3-2123

- Tuesday night dinner, 5 to 7 p.m. \$9 for adult members. A children's menu is available for \$4.50. Surcharge applies.
- Wednesday night buffet is 5 to 7 p.m. \$6.95 for adult members, \$3.95 for kids. Surcharge applies.
- Thursday lunch buffet, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$5.50 per person, surcharge applies.
- Boss n' Buddy night, tonight from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Karaoke Thursday in March. Karaoke will not be held Thursday.
- Everyone is invited to enjoy the Tuskegee Airmen Room at the Enlisted Club. As a reminder, this is a designated non-smoking area.
- Club card drawing every Friday night. Win instant cash from the last four numbers of your club card. You must be present to win. If there is no winner, the pot will increase by \$25 each week.

Officers' Club, 3-3799

- Come and enjoy a great lunch of steak, baked potato or fries, salad and vegetable for only \$6 (members only please) every Thursday during lunch. Regular price is \$12.50 for all nonmembers regardless of eligibility.
- All you can eat fish 'n chips every Friday in March from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Price includes fountain drink or coffee. Members \$4. Surcharge applies to eligible nonmembers.
- Steak night every Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Club Catering Services are available for that special party or function. Call Karen Cardoos at 3-9694 for information.
- Sunday "champagne brunch", March 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Open to all base personnel. Adults \$9.95, children ages 6 to 12 \$5, and kids five and under are free.

Vet Clinic offers heartworm testing Saturday

A heartworm testing clinic will be held tomorrow from 9 a.m. to noon at the Veterinary Clinic, Bldg. 1219. No appointment necessary. Cost is \$12. For information call 3-3266.



Club Membership Pays!

Join the Patriot Enlisted Club or the Officers' Club today and receive two months free dues. Club members - bring on a new member and you receive one month's free dues.

Hanscom's clubs offer dining opportunities, social activities, relaxation and entertainment. Members receive benefits such as: discount coupons in the monthly calendar, \$15 in coupons during your birthday month, a free buffet for members and spouses the first Friday of the month (O'Club), discount lunch and dinner specials and check cashing privileges. Remember our Club Catering services.

Leisure Travel Company

Call **The Travel Company** at **274-6050**, your one stop resource for all your leisure travel needs. The Travel Company contributes a portion of all leisure sales to your Air Force MWR Fund.

1999 Poster Art Contest offered to Children of Military Families

The Armed Services YMCA of Springfield, Va. announced Feb. 7 the 1999 Poster Art Contest for Children of Military Families. Ten elementary school-age children - two from each of the military branches, will receive U.S. Savings Bonds and have their winning art published on the Internet.

In addition, one of the five drawings will be featured on the 1999 Military Family Week poster, which will be displayed on all military installations. Five \$500 U. S. Savings Bonds and five \$100 Savings Bonds will be awarded to winning children. Runners up will also receive prizes.

The art contest is underway and will continue until July 16. Children, teachers, librarians, children program managers, and parents are encouraged to take advantage of the extended contest period. "The contest is designed to help draw attention to the importance of the family

and help children to know that they are appreciated," said retired Rear Admiral Frank Gallo, Armed Services YMCA national executive director.

The contest is open to elementary school-age children of all military families (K-6), including Reserve and Guard components. This year's theme is "My Military Family." Each entry must include cover information with the name, age, grade level, and address of the participating child along with information about the parents including full name, military unit, and a telephone number.

Families on PCS orders should include "receiving command" information to ensure that the winning child can be notified. More than one entry per child is permitted. Poster design submissions should be 8 1/2 x 11 inch white, unlined paper. All drawings should be in color.

For deadline information and details, call the Base Library at 3-2177.

Base Library offers contest to military youth

The Base Library is hosting a Young Readers Contest to military youth ages preschool through high school.

Deadline to enter is April 2.

Preschool through middle school age youth must write an essay on why reading is fun. High school students must

write an essay on the pleasure and value of reading. Winners in the preschool through middle school age group will receive a \$500 savings bond. The high school winner will receive a \$1,000 savings bond.

Entry forms and more information available at the Library, 3-2177.

Questions? Call us!

Auto Hobby Shop, Bldg. 1702	3-2612
Bowling Center, Bldg. 1531	3-2237
Child Development Center, Bldg. 1994	3-7166/7185
Club Catering Office, Bldg. 1425	3-9694
Community Center, Bldg. 1998	3-2833
Flight Training Center, Bldg. 1722	3-5160
Patriot Dining Facility, Bldg. 1515	3-2189
Patriot Enlisted Club, Bldg. 1240	3-2123
FamCamp, Bedford, Mass.	3-4670
Family Child Care Coordinator	3-1280
Fourth Cliff, Humarock, Mass.	837-6785
Fourth Cliff Reservations	1-800-468-9547
Patriot Golf Course, Bedford, Mass.	687-2396
Patriot Honor Guard, Bldg. 1535	3-4850
Human Resource Office, Bldg. 1305(2nd floor)	3-8741
The Leisure Travel Office, Bldg. 1530	274-6050
Library, Bldg. 1530	3-2177
Lodging, Bldg. 1427	3-2112
Marketing Office, Bldg. 1305(2nd floor)	3-9681
Mini-Golf Complex, Bldg. 1530 (rear)	3-7861
NAF Accounting Office, Bldg. 1305(2nd floor)	3-3946
Officers' Club, Bldg. 1425	3-3799
Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 1531	3-5316
Fitness & Sports Center, Bldg. 1548	3-3639
School Age Program, Bldg. 1999	3-2858
Swimming Pool, Bldg. 1550	3-2455
SVS Office, Bldg. 1305(2nd floor)	3-3901
Tickets & Tours, Bldg. 1531	3-3262
Veterinary Clinic, Bldg. 1219	3-3266
Wood Hobby Shop, Bldg. 1702	3-7118
Youth Center, Bldg. 1993	3-3739

Fitness and Sports Center

□ **Locker Renewal Fees** are due. If you haven't renewed your locker, it will be reissued. Annual fees are \$12 for general lockers and \$30 for Senior Staff Locker Room.

□ **10th Annual Battle Road Run** will be held May 15. Volunteers are needed to conduct this run or walk event. Call Jerry Turnbow at 3-7150 if you are interested in helping.

□ **Free Individual Fitness Assessments** are available at the center. Call the customer service department at x3639 for an appointment. Days and times are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 a.m. 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. We will determine your fitness condition and develop a workout program to meet your goals. Assessments are based on the Cooper Institute for Aerobic Research.

MENU

April 4 Easter Sunday Buffet Officers' Club

Carved Roast Beef
Baked Ham
Baked Scrod
Marinated Chicken Breast
Delmonico Potatoes
Rice Pilaf
Green Beans
Mixed Vegetables
Chicken Fingers & Potato Puffs for the Kids
Rolls
Tossed Salad/Fruit Salad
Assorted Desserts

Two seatings are available to choose from, noon and 3 p.m. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 377-3799. Adults \$12.95, kids ages 6-11 is \$6 and children under 5 eat free!